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Virginia Air Board
c/o Terry Darton
Air Permit Manager
13901 Crown Court
Woodbridge, VA 22193

Dear Air Board-

The Potomac River Generating Station was first operational in 1949 and has been providing many homes with electricity for more than 60 years. It is beside me why the City Council would want to shut down a power plant that has been going through massive upgrades for the past several years to make the air quality better for the people of Alexandria. Wasting taxpayers' money trying to stop Mirant from further improvements is only hurting the citizens' health.

I have only lived here for three years but it is my home, and better quality of air is best for everyone in Alexandria. This is an important issue that needs your immediate attention so that Mirant can foot the bill for the proposed stack merge to make the air quality better. How can the City Council sit there while an improvement would better the air in Alexandria and let the citizens suffer and breathe in bad air toxins that could do potential harm to their health? I, for one, am for better air quality so that I can breathe the cleanest air possible. Because the City Council continues to fight Mirant, this is only jeopardizing the people. There are citizens that have breathing disorders and need to breathe the cleanest air and Mirant can make the air cleaner with the proposed upgrade.

Please take into consideration for the people who live in Alexandria and hope for a better air content so that the people of Alexandria can enjoy their lives to the fullest. Poor air quality will hamper people from doing outdoor activities and this could cause many to gain weight and become unhealthy. I do not think that the City Council wants to deal with all the complaints from the citizens to allow Mirant to upgrade the facility only to better the quality of life for Alexandria. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule and reading my letter of great concern for the continual operations of the Potomac Station.

Sincerely,

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